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	Examiner Chandra Chaudhari	Art Unit 2813	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 16-22 and 34-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-15 and 23-33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

This claim is unclear because it appears to be a combination of two claims.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 17-18, 20-22, 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Otsuki – US 2001/0051418.

Otsuki (Figs. 5A-5D and text in paragraphs 48-52) discloses the claimed invention by code programming a ROM with gates 2, first pre-code photoresist pattern 14 which is hardened by implant (Fig. 5C), second real-code photoresist pattern 15, implanting a tuned dosage of ions through the intersection (Fig. 5D) with the same doses of ions. There are fewer real-code patterns than pre-code patterns. The channels of gates not underneath the intersecting real-code and pre-code openings do not receive doses of ions.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 16, 19, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Otsuki and Hsu – US 6,251,732.

Otsuki is applied as above and does not disclose forming an antireflective coating (he does state an insulative layer 6) nor storing and then retrieving for additional processing. Hsu (Figs. 8-10 and text in col. 5, line 59 to col. 6, line 22) teaches to form antireflective layer 804 during code programming a ROM. Otsuki at paragraph 6 teaches that a customer may request a channel selected for implant.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form an antireflective layer as taught by Hsu in Otsuki's process to reduce radiation damage and aid in alignment. One may store and then retrieve the ROM structure depending on the customer's choice of device selected as suggested by Otsuki.

Claims 7-15, 23-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Huang - US 5,378,649 and Kunitou - US 5,854,110 describe memory devices and implanting.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandra Chaudhari whose telephone number is 571-272-1688. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Whitehead Jr. can be reached on 571-272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Primary Examiner

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December 10, 2004